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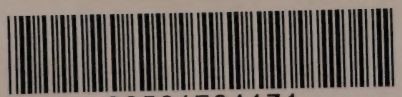

LIST OF HOSPITALS AND CLINICS IN THE BRECON AND RADNOR AREA.

Hospitals.

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Clinics.

Chest Clinic, Brecon.
T.B. Visiting Station, Builth Wells.
T.B. Visiting Station, Llandrindod Wells
Orthopædic Clinic, Llandrindod Wells.

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Secretary—J. V. REES.

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Matron—MISS A. BEVAN, S.R.N., S.C.M.
Administrative Officer—C. P. JONES.

Builth Cottage Hospital, Builth Wells.

Matron—MISS A. DODD, S.R.N., S.C.M.
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Matron—MRS. E. DAVIES, S.R.N., S.C.M.
Administrative Officer—J. P. DAVIES.

Knighton Hospital, Knighton.

Matron—MRS. DODD.
Administrative Officer—W. DODD.

PREFACE.

As Chairman, I have the privilege of making a brief introduction to this report. I am pleased with the opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to each Member of the Hospital Management Committee and its Sub - Committees for their harmonious co-operation in the work for which they have been made responsible. All have put their best into the deliberations in which there has been no jarring note, the consistent aim of all being the mutual good of the Hospitals in the Group.

On behalf of the Committee I am asked to convey a cordial tribute of thanks and appreciation to the Medical and Nursing Staffs and to the Senior Administrators and their staffs who have rendered such valuable and unstinted service. To all of these the Hospital Management Committee expresses a hearty Thank You ! !

E. A. WATTS.
Chairman.

FIRST REPORT

OF THE

BRECON AND RADNOR HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

FOR THE PERIOD

5th JULY, 1948, TO 31st MARCH, 1949.

It is with pleasure that the Brecon and Radnor Hospital Management Committee presents its first Report since the Hospital Services were taken over by the Minister of Health on the 5th July, 1948.

From that date the actual therapeutic work of the various Hospitals was not in any way affected by the change, but during the transitional period the administration of the services weighed heavily upon those concerned, for in addition to the management of the hitherto Voluntary Hospitals, the administrative work previously carried out by the Breconshire County Council, the Radnorshire County Council and the Welsh National Memorial Association in connection with St. David's Hospital, Brecon, Knighton Hospital, the South Wales Sanatorium and Highland Moors, Llandrindod Wells eventually became the responsibility of the Brecon and Radnor Hospital Management Committee. However, with the appointment of suitable Headquarters Staff this position soon began to right itself.

BRECON AND RADNOR HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE—GROUP 4.

This Committee is responsible for the administration of seven hospitals, two clinics and two visiting stations situated in the mid and northern part of Breconshire and the whole of Radnorshire and with a present total bed complement of 572.

This large rural area has an extreme distance of fifty miles between certain of its hospitals, a fact which adds to the administrative difficulties.

COMMITTEES.

Hospital Management Committee.

Chairman.

Mr. E. A. Watts was appointed Chairman of the Committee by the Welsh Regional Hospital Board in May, 1948. He was a member of the General Committee of Management of the Breconshire War Memorial Hospital for twenty-one years and from 1937 until the "appointed day" its Chairman. He was also Chairman of the South Wales and Monmouthshire Area Committee of the British Hospitals Association, a member of the Executive Council of that Association and thus has a vast experience of hospital administration to assist him in his new appointment.

Vice-Chairman.

Mr. T. P. Davies was appointed Vice-Chairman by the Hospital Management Committee. He is a member of the Welsh Regional Hospital Board and, besides having been a member of the General Committee of Management of the Llandrindod Wells Hospital and County War Memorial, has for many years taken a very active part in Public Work in Radnorshire.

The remaining members of the Committee were elected by the Welsh Regional Hospital Board from nominations submitted by Hospital Committees, County Councils and other representative bodies.

The inaugural meeting of the Committee was held at the Breconshire War Memorial Hospital on Monday, 31st May, 1948.

The Following Sub-Committees have been appointed by the Hospital Management Committee:—

Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee.

This Committee is under the Chairmanship of Mr. F. O. Collier, who, with his professional experience and owing to the fact that he was for many years a member of the General Committee of Management of the Breconshire War Memorial Hospital and Chairman of its very successful Contributory Scheme Committee, is ideally suited for such a position.

Breconshire House Committee.

Concerned with:—

The Breconshire War Memorial Hospital, Brecon.
The South Wales Sanatorium, Talgarth.
St. David's Hospital, Brecon.
Brecon Chest Clinic.

Radnorshire House Committee.

Concerned with:—

Llandrindod Wells Hospital and County War Memorial, Llandrindod Wells.
Builth Cottage Hospital, Builth Wells.
Highland Moors, Llandrindod Wells.
Orthopœdic Clinic, Llandrindod Wells.
T.B. Visiting Station, Llandrindod Wells.
T.B. Visiting Station, Builth Wells.

Farm Committee.

To supervise the South Wales Sanatorium Farm which forms such a very important addition to that hospital.

Medical Staff Committee.

A Medical Staff Committee, under the Chairmanship of Dr. A. Miller Kerr, has been appointed by the Medical Practitioners within the area.

The aforementioned Committees hold their meetings at the various hospitals within Group 4, thus enabling the members to be intimately acquainted with these hospitals and their respective Staffs.

HEADQUARTER OFFICES.

In its search for Headquarter Office accommodation the Committee found that it could best be provided at the Breconshire War Memorial Hospital, Brecon.

AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS.

The Hospital Management Committee extends its grateful thanks to the Breconshire and Radnorshire County Councils for their help in the administration of certain institutions for the period to 31st March, 1949.

RENAMING OF HOSPITALS.

The former Public Assistance Institutions of Brecon and Knighton have been renamed St. David's Hospital and Knighton Hospital respectively.

HOSPITALS.

On assuming control of the Hospitals in the area on July 5th, 1948, the Committee has devoted its attention and energy to various projects and problems, many of which it considers to be of great urgency, in order that the efficiency of the Hospitals and the comfort of the patients and staff may be improved. Much has been accomplished and other matters are well in hand. Certain projects which call for heavy capital expenditure have been submitted to the Welsh Regional Hospital Board and there is cause for much encouragement in the fact that they have been scheduled as of high priority by that Body.

It may be of interest to enumerate some of the work which has been accomplished and some projects which are pending.

Breconshire War Memorial Hospital.

The building of a Maternity Wing and the additional Staff accommodation is deemed necessary. It was the intention of the Breconshire War Memorial Hospital Management Committee to implement this project and every endeavour was made to have the work commenced prior to the "appointed day." Unfortunately permission could not then be obtained.

Llandrindod Wells Hospital and County War Memorial.

The provision of a Maternity Wing was contemplated by the Committee of this Hospital and every effort is being made to have this work carried out.

The Electrical installation was in a very bad state of repair and steps were immediately taken to have this renewed.

Builth Cottage Hospital.

Arrangements have been made for the renewal of the Electrical installation, the modernisation of the lift and the provision of a new X-Ray unit.

South Wales Sanatorium.

Many and varied improvements were contemplated prior to the "appointed day" and these were duly brought before the Welsh Regional Hospital Board for consideration.

Highland Moors.

Certain minor adaptations and improvements have been carried out.

St. David's Hospital.

The grave urgency for the immediate work of general renewals and adaptations not only for the Hospital itself but also of the Staff Quarters immediately became apparent.

A certain amount of work has been carried out and it is hoped that much more will be done in the near future so as to enable this Hospital to take its appropriate place in the working of the scheme.

Knighton Hospital.

Application has been made for adaptations to be carried out to two blocks of buildings in order to provide additional accommodation for sixteen to twenty patients and for extra nursing staff. Further, for the installation of new laundry and kitchen equipment which has been delivered to an order placed by the Radnorshire County Council prior to July 5th, 1948.

It is hoped that the whole of this work will be put in hand very shortly.

NURSING STAFF.

The shortage of nursing staff is causing great concern to the Committee, and in consequence of this deficiency, a certain number of beds are not available for the admission of patients to the South Wales Sanatorium.

It is sincerely hoped that the widespread appeal for volunteers to serve in this noble profession will be satisfactorily answered.

STATISTICS.

A schedule of statistics appears on page 11, giving details of each hospital. This table is for the year 1948 in order to conform with the returns submitted to the Ministry of Health.

RESIGNATION.

It was with regret that the Committee accepted the resignation of Mr. C. P. Jones, Secretary of Llandrindod Wells Hospital and County War Memorial. Mr. Jones had, for many years, been connected with the administrative work of the Hospital and it is hoped that he will enjoy a long and happy retirement.

WELSH REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.

The Committee is desirous of expressing its gratitude to the Welsh Regional Hospital Board and particularly to its Officers for their help and advice in the difficult transitional period. These Officers have not only attended meetings of Committees when requested to do so but have, at all times, been most courteous in giving any advice asked when special or difficult problems arose.

PATIENTS' APPRECIATION.

It is most encouraging to put on record that many letters of thanks have been received from grateful patients of the Hospitals and it cannot be too strongly emphasised that every endeavour will be made to bring the hospital services of Brecon and Radnor to the highest possible level of efficiency.

There are many further improvements considered to be essential and it is hoped that in the near future these will be carried out.

On behalf of the Hospital Management Committee.

October, 1949. J. V. REES, Secretary.

PATIENTS STATISTICS—Period 1st January to 31st December, 1948.

NAME OF HOSPITAL	BEDS					IN-PATIENTS					OUT-PATIENTS	
	Complement at 31-12-48	Number temporarily unavailable at 31-12-48	DAILY OCCUPATION			Number in Hospital 31-12-48	Number discharged or died during year	Average Length of stay (days)	Number of Births		Number of New Patients during the year	Total Attendances
			Average over year	Highest in year	Lowest in year				Live	Still		
Breconshire War Memorial Hospital, Brecon	36	Nil.	23.65	32	11	24	661	12.46	35	3	1439	3140
Llandrindod Wells Hospital and County War Memorial, Llandrindod Wells	43	Nil.	27.25	40	15	26	592	16.14	110	2	382	530
Builth Cottage Hospital, Builth Wells	25	Nil.	17.64	29	6	27	396	14.91	45	3	925	1204
South Wales Sanatorium, Talgarth	286	46	236.6	243	228	240	178	478	—	—	57	525
Highland Moors, Llandrindod Wells	60	Nil.	59	60	56	59	80	153	—	—	—	—
St. David's Hospital, Brecon	90	10	56	67	47	55	58	115	—	—	—	—
Knighton Hospital, Knighton	32	Nil.	23.8	27	21	22	29	168	—	—	—	—
Chest Clinic, Brecon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	305	882
T.B. Visiting Station, Builth Wells	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	26
T.B. Visiting Station, Llandrindod Wells	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	124	325
Orthopaedic Clinic, Llandrindod Wells	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	51	295
	572											